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STRENGTHENING OF SECURITY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether keeping in view the provoking activities of Pakistan, the Union Government had strengthened the security arrangements at the Indian borders and information to this effect has been given through the newspapers and other medias;

(b) whether the above action of the Government is proper in the interest of the nation;

(c) if not, whether the Government propose to take action against the persons who leak the activities in regard to the military preparedness; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Information regarding strengthening of security arrangements along the borders was provided to the media through hand-outs, features, press conferences, press briefings, etc. as per the provisions of the technical publicity rules of the Press Information Bureau and the Directorate of Public Relations, Ministry of Defence from time to time.

(b) In a democracy the Government is expected to inform the public about the situation along the borders in the interest of the nation. However, keeping in view the security of the Country, no specific information regarding the deployment of troops is given.

(c) & (d): Do not arise.